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**From:** Christine Lesh  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 12:25 PM  
**Subject:** Note of protest against recent regulatory rollbacks

Members of the FCC,

As an American and as a journalist, I am incensed at the recent regulatory rollbacks the FCC recently put into place. Instead of ranting and raving and wasting too much of your time, I'll just stand behind what Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D), South Carolina, recently said,

"While Monday's decision promising further media deregulation may well be celebrated in a few New York and Hollywood boardrooms, it will be remembered as a dark day in thousands of American communities who look to the F.C.C. to ensure that the use of the public airwaves serves the interests of all Americans, not the economic self-interest of a chosen few."

Please reconsider your motivations

Thank you for your time,

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**Subject:** Thank you

Re de-regulation. Thank you for your efforts

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**From:** John Lippincott  
**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 6:25 PM  
**Subject:** Thank you

Thank you and Mr Adelstein for your statements yesterday (6/5/03) at the Media Ownership Rules committee meeting. It is a joy to hear officials in Washington speaking so truly of how I feel.

Thank you!

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**From:** Benjamin Johnson  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 12 01 PM  
**Subject:** Consolidation

Dear FCC,

I am writing to you today to ask you to reconsider your recent loosening of media regulations on ownership. I live in Seattle, where it seems like the entire city's radio dial consists of far too many Intercom stations. As a result, I flip and I flip channels trying to find something decent to listen to. I end up 9 times out of 10 listening to NPR - public radio. I listen to public radio because I enjoy listening to a non biased point of view, that doesn't need to pander to corporate interests, and it isn't so laden with advertisements that I become dis-interested.

Television, I look for the same type of programming as on public radio. I often watch public access cable, and PBS, however those often become dry, so I flip through the news channels (on cable, the place Chairman Powell says offers a wide range of viewpoints.) I often find nothing on the cable channels but right wing propaganda (fox news, MSNBC to a large extent, and even CNN!) I watch because it is sickening, however I wish for something a little less inflammatory, a little more sensible and logical in my news. I flip to the local news (often a sister station of one of the above mentioned networks) and find nothing but stories of "heart warming" special interest stories about dogs.

The media in this country is inundated with a corporate bias, a sinister agenda to make people consume as much as possible, and a lack of values and ethics (I'm not talking about swearing on TV, but talking about the sorry state of media bias.) People look for something with a local and home flavor, and for something that people can find comfort and value in. Instead we are furthering down the path of the McDonaldisation of America.

Media has a responsibility, it has become the 4th branch of government with the ability to dispense mass opinion and points of political interest to the public. There are 5 major companies that own overwhelming amounts of media in this country. The least the FCC could offer is a similar amount of publicly funded channels (both federally and locally) and let people have something worth watching. I don't want to see non-stop Bush ad's during the election (the last election was a sham, I can only hope this change will not further destroy the election process and democracy in general.)

Thanks for your time,  
Ben Johnson

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**From:** Glenn Simmons  
**To:** Glenn Simmons, Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 9:42 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Radio and Television De-Regulation

I am not terribly surprised that the FCC has decided to ignore the wishes of the American people and instead adapt a policy that will benefit a handful of media barons along with their deep pockets. Once again, an elite group of lobbyist and their corporate backers have hijacked public policy with money.

Thus, allowing the FCC to continue their junkets to Las Vegas and New Orleans paid happily by these same lobbyist. I suppose, since the average citizen can not or will not pay for such 'perks', that the vast majority of Americans will never see prudent and fair FCC policy decisions. Not as long as corporate interest and the FCC continue their incestuous relationship.

Senator McCain of Arizona, as well as many other Senators, have started procedures to reverse the FCC's deregulation decision made earlier this week. I will be sending letters to these Senators and my Congressman advocating to overturn this disaster -in- the-making.

It's a travesty that a United States government agency, with its great responsibility and power, can so blatantly ignore the wishes of the American people.

The free flow of ideas and opinions are central to a successful democracy. Mr. Powell and his cronies have greatly damaged that principle.

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**Subject:** Radio and Television De-Regulation

Sir/Madam:

I am a citizen writing to express my views on de-regulation legislation of the radio and television mass media industry. I am vehemently opposed to further de-regulation of the television industry given the disastrous results of de-regulation of the radio industry as exemplified by the Clear Channel Corporation. Radio in its current form is 'un-listenable'. Clear Channel has implemented formats that have 'dumbed down' radio to where the same 50 or so songs are played 80% of the time, ad nauseam. And the disc jockey wouldn't dare play a single song not on some pre-approved list from headquarters probably compiled from a bean-counting accountant who doesn't know the difference between Jazz and Hip Hop.

But that is just the tip of the problem. Have you listened to talk radio recently, mainly on AM which Clear Channel also monopolizes. Talk radio has descended into hate speech. Most of these talk radio host are full of vile, personalizing issues, and screaming if someone dares to disagree with their position. Talk radio is the worst place today to discuss and debate important national issues.

And that could very well happen to television if it too is deregulated. I would even advocate reversing de-regulation in the Radio Industry as well.

Please consider the public interest in your decision-making concerning deregulation. I know Clear Channel will have its Lobbyist in full force but the people of this country deserve better. Radio has been lost and truly is now a "waste-land", but television can still be saved if we continue to prevent the concentration of media power in the hands of the elite with agendas counter-productive and damaging to the nation as a whole.

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**Date:** Thu, Jun 5, 2003 7 52 AM  
**Subject:** thank you

Mr Copps

Thank you for being my voice. Voice is my business, so .....THANK YOU

I hope you will have the energy to continue to speak for me. You and Mr Adelstein understand that the air-waves belong to the people and that that is worth fighting for "Big Media" is a BAD thing a heartLESS thing and you understand that. I know how busy you are..so I will leave it at that

One more time .thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Scerbo

aka/ Barbara Barri